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# Gladiolus Bulbs

of Select Varieties

Season 1927



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127 Strong Avenue

Syracuse, N. Y.

### Foreword

The first thought that desires expression is to thank my old customers for their favors in the past. You will continue to receive the best service possible. To others who may favor me with business, I wish to say this—I shall extend the quality of service that will give you the desire to continue your business with me, so that you too will be numbered among my old customers.

The bulbs offered are guaranteed to be of the best quality and free from disease. I take great care at all times to keep the different sorts TRUE TO NAME. However, if any errors occur they will be promptly and cheerfully adjusted.

This season I am offering in addition to bulbs 1¼" and larger some half-size bulbs which are ¾" and larger. And I am also listing cormels or bulblets of some varieties. I am doing this at the request of some of my customers and friends who wish to try small sizes.

Bulbs of varieties in this list are offered subject to prior sale. And as some sorts are limited in quantity, it will be prudent to order NOW, and thus avoid disappointment. If I am "sold out" of a variety I will not substitute, but I will return your money unless advised otherwise.

Customers wishing to send or import bulbs into Canada are required to secure a permit from the Destructive Insect and Pest Act Advisory Board of the Canadian Department of Agriculture. Please forward the number of the permit with your order.

All orders will be sent postpaid, and full cultural directions will be included in each. The bulbs will be packed and delivered for transportation with the greatest care. I cannot take the responsibility for damage caused during transit. In any such instance a claim should be made to the carrier.

Please send cash with your order. Remittance by Postal Money Order, Express Money Order, Bank Draft or Certified Check is requested. If your order comes from outside the United States, please remit by a draft drawn on a New York Bank or by an International order made out in American Money.

An order blank is enclosed for your convenience. Please write VERY PLAINLY.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of serving you, I am,

Very truly yours,

NATHAN VAN DE CAR.

February 20, 1927.

### The American Gladiolus Society

If you are interested in the gladiolus it will be to your advantage to join the American Gladiolus Society. The price of membership is \$2.00 per year, payable in advance. Every member has the privilege of exhibiting their gladiolus blooms at the Annual Exhibition given by the Society, and taking an active part in the meetings. And each member receives the Gladiolus Bulletin. The Bulletin is a really worth-while magazine and the official publication of the A. G. S. It is mailed to members each month.

Those wishing to join the Society may send their remittance of \$2.00 to Mr. John C. Davis, Treasurer, 77 South Ave., Rochester, N. Y. If an order is being sent me, add the above amount to your order and I shall be glad to send the application for you.

All members of the A. G. S. are allowed a 5% discount from the amount of their orders of bulbs selected from this catalogue. Your membership number (which is printed on your membership card), must appear in the space provided for it on the enclosed order blank.

Non-members who order from me and who will send their membership fee of \$2.00 in addition to the amount of their order, are also entitled to this same discount.

### **Types**

To those who are not real familiar with the gladiolus, a word or two regarding types will be helpful. In this catalogue are listed only three types, i. e. the Grandiflorus, the Primulinus and the Primulinus-Grandiflorus. And after the name of each variety is stated, in abbreviation, its type.

The Grandiflorus type comprises the large-flowered sorts with widely opened flowers produced on heavy, thick stems. The florets, generally speaking, grow closely together along the stem.

To the Primulinus type belong the smaller flowered sorts produced on slender, wiry stems. The florets are spaced farther apart, in proportion to their size, than those of the Grandiflorus type. And the formation of these florets is distinctive. The upper petal grows in such a manner as to extend over the lower part of the bloom in a graceful curve much resembling a cap or hood.

The Primulinus-Grandiflorus type possesses characteristics of both of the above mentioned types. It combines the size and dignity of the Grandiflorus with the graceful growth and beauty of the Primulinus.

Except where noted, one dozen bulbs may be purchased for the price of ten. And one-half dozen may be purchased for the price of five.

### Recent Introductions and Rare Varieties

ARABIA (GRAND.). The	novelty	of this	flower is its
unusually dark color, wl	nich is a	black ma	ahogany red.
The buds are so dark that	at they ap	pear to b	e black, and
visitors seeing the flower	r in the g	arden ge	nerally refer
to it as "that black on	e." Unlik	ce most	of the very
deeply colored sorts, Ar	abia does	not po	ssess a dull,
flat shading. On the co	ontrary it	exhibits	an unusual
velvety sheen.	•		
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Bulbs, each, 1¼".....\$1.00 ¾"......60c Bulblets, each....10c Doz....\$1.00 100...\$7.50

- CLEOPATRA (GRAND.). Large flowers of very deep yellow, borne on good strong stems. The flowers have good substance and the petals are ruffled. Stock is limited, only one to a customer this season.

DR. F. E. BENNETT (GRAND.). Deep peach red, overlaid with flame-scarlet, fine specks of ruby and white in throat of bloom. Flowers are very large, of good substance and well placed on spike. One of the best reds.

EMILE AUBRUN (GRAND.). An Australian variety of exceptional merit. The individual flowers are very large, with as many as ten open at one time. The color is a peculiar blending of deep dull red, bronze and slate, with a red blotch in center of lower petals.

Bulbs, each, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" \$ 2.00 Bulblets, each 20c Doz...\$1.75 100...\$12.00

GENESEE (PRIM.). The color is a light creamy-buff, a very unusual color for a "Glad." The flowers are perfect in shape and are well placed on the stem. It is a strong and vigorous grower.

GLADDIE BOY (PRIMGRAND.). A beautiful grena- dine pink blending with straw yellow deep in the throat of the flower. The petals have excellent substance and
are beautifully frilled.  Bulbs, each, 1½"\$5.00 3½"\$3.00  Bulblets, each50c Doz 5.00
GLORIANA (PRIMGRAND.). A very delicate golden salmon blending to a cream yellow throat. An exceptionally beautiful color combination. Stock limited, only one to a customer this season.  Bulbs, each, 1½"\$2.00  Bulblets, each
J. A. CARBONE (GRAND.). Orange-salmon, shading deeper toward the outer edges of the petals. This variety has a yellow center. A very large flower, of good substance, borne on long, straight stems.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MINUET (GRAND.). Fine new lavender. The flowers are large, of good substance and an excellent, clear, shade with no flecking. Large bulbs sold for \$100.00 each last season.  Bulblets, each \$1.00 Doz. \$10.00
MRS. AVIS MANNING (PRIM.). Lemon yellow shading to chrome in throat of flower. Large, well opened flowers.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MRS. P. W. SISSON (GRAND.). Light geranium-pink with cream-white at base of lower petals. When this variety was exhibited as a seedling it was awarded an A. G. S. First Class Certificate. And it also won a \$100.00 cash prize for best new seedling.  Bulblets, each\$1.00 Doz\$10.00
PACKARD (GRAND.). This is one of the late Luther Burbank's originations. Brownish lavender, with throat blotched rosy pomegranate-purple. Only one to a customer this season.
Bulbs, each, 1¼"\$2.50  PENNANT (PRIMGRAND.). Creamy white with deep edge of deep rose-doree. Thin red line in throat.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"\$1.00
PICCADILLY (GRAND.). Pure creamy yellow, with rich amber throat. The flowers are very large and are borne on tall, straight stems. It is an excellent variety and received a rating of 98% perfect for commercial work by Mr. Grescherff
Bulbs, each, 1¼"

RED	CROSS (GRAND.).	Flame	scarlet	blended	Brazil-
	red. Large flowers. Bulbs, each, 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "			\$1.0	0

RITA BECK (GRAND.). A light salmon-pink on flesh, shading to flesh in the throat of the bloom. Radiating from the center of the flower, through each of the lower petals, are seven distinct parallel hair-like lines of clear scarlet. The flowers are large, of excellent substance and well placed on the spike. This is the best of the newer sorts and has a promising future for commercial use.

Rulbs each 144" \$10.00 34" \$6.00

Bulbs, each, 1½".......\$10.00 3¼".......\$ 6.00 Bulblets, each ............. 1.00 Doz. ....... 10.00

ROSE MIST (PRIM.-GRAND.). An excellent flower with a color that is not easy to describe. It is a deep rose with a distinct narrow line of buff on the edge of the petals. Large flowers on a sturdy, erect stem.

Bulbs, each, 11/4" \$1.00 3/4" \$5.00 Bulblets, each 11/4" 10 Doz. 1.00

## The Popular Varieties

ALBANIA (GRAND.). One of the best pure white gladiolus. Flowers are large, widely opened, of good substance and placed well on the stem.
stance and placed well on the stem.  Bulbs, each, 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "10c
ANNA EBERIUS (GRAND.). Deep Rhodamine- purple shading into deep bordeaux center. Well formed flowers on good spike. This variety is admired by all.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
BARON JOSEPH HULOT (GRAND.). A deep violet. In many catalogues this "Glad" is referred to as the best blue. The flowers are small but it is very popular due to its deep color.  Bulbs, each, 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
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BYRON L. SMITH (GRAND.). The coloring of this flower rivals the orchid. An extremely delicate shade of lavender on flesh ground. The throat of the bloom is rich cream. The flowers are of good size, finely formed and many open at one time.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
CAPTAIN BOYNTON (GRAND.). Very light lavender
with a deep lavender blotch in throat. Flowers of good form and substance. Very popular. Awarded FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE by American Gladiolus Society.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
CARMEN SYLVA (GRAND.). Pure snow-white with very fine lilac lines deep in the throat of the flower. Many flowers open on a tall, straight, wiry stem.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
CHALLENGER (GRAND.). This variety is a strong
grower and a sure bloomer. The flowers are large, well formed and in color are an intense velvety red. It is one of the most striking reds.  Bulbs, each, 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
Bulblets, Doz10c 10050c
concordia (GRAND.). A Holland variety whose novelty is in its color. It is a deep reddish purple, growing lighter in the throat of the bloom. The color is novel but the growth is not strong. However, it is well worth the price for color alone.
Bulbs, each, 1½"

CRIMSON GLOW (GRAND.). Brilliant crimson with fine, narrow, white markings in the throat of the flower. The outer portions of the petals are flaked with deeper crimson. The flowers are large and they open with a generous spread of petals. This is a gorgeous flower and one of the best reds.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
petals are deep pink which blends into pure apple-blossom-pink in the throat of the blooms. The petals are heavily ruffled. A fine early, pink "Glad."  Bulbs, each, 14"
of the bloom is flesh which blends into a very light shade of pink. This color deepens, and toward the edges of the petals it becomes a delicate shade of rose-pink. On each lower petal is a blotch of deep crimson which ends in a triangular spot of rich cream. The flowers have good form and substance. It is extremely early, some growers having cut blooms in fifty days from planting. It was given the AWARD OF MERIT by the American Gladiolus Society.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
ETHELYN (PRIM.). Deep, rich yellow, shaded orange, with lighter throat. A tall grower with 5 to 7 flowers open at one time. One of the finest Primulinus in existence.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
EVELYN KIRTLAND (GRAND.). Very light rose-pink, growing deeper at edges of petals. Scarlet blotch in throat. Flowers are large and open with a broad expanse of petals. The spike is tall and straight, having many flowers open at one time.  Bulbs, each 1 <sup>1</sup> /4"
FIRY KNIGHT (GRAND.). This variety is well named.  It is a glowing fiery red. It is popular with visitors who have seen it in bloom in my gardens.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
GIANT NYMPH (GRAND.). Large, widely opened flowers of la France-pink with creamy-yellow throat. Has a long flower spike with flowers well arranged upon it. Bulbs, each, 1½"

GOLDEN MEASURE (GRAND.). By many growers this is still considered to be the best yellow. The color is deep golden yellow with no markings within the flower. The blooms are very large and many are open on the spike at one time. This is a very healthy, strong growing gladiolus.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
HAZEL DAWN (GRAND.). An uncommon strawberry pink with throat a little lighter shade, and dotted with carmine markings. This variety attracted considerable attention from visitors in my gardens last summer.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
HENRY C. GOEHL (GRAND.). Large, widely opened flowers of creamy-white, with a beautiful red blotch on lower petals. A wonderful variety that will become very popular for cut flowers.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
HERADA (GRAND.). Pure lavender-mauve, darker in throat of flower. Tall, strong stems bearing immense blooms.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
ILLUMINATOR (GRAND.). Carmine-red, lighter within the flower, but becomes more intense toward the outer edges of the petals, where it is flaked with deeper carmine markings. The flower is marked with narrow stripes of deep maroon-purple. The color combination is unusual but of such a pleasing character that it is sure to command a second glance as one passes before it. It is extremely early. This variety was awarded the FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE of the American Gladiolus Society. This is the highest award of the society and ILLUMINATOR is the first gladiolus to receive it.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
IACORA VAN REVREN (GRAND) An extraordinary
violet, self-color, which is distinct from other varieties of this class. It makes a good robust growth with flowers well placed upon a tall, strong stem. Many flowers open at one time.  Bulbs, each, 1½"20c
JEAN du TAILLES (GRAND.). A fine French variety.  Deep salmon having petals flaked with a deeper salmon shade. Large flowers of good substance and fine form. A sure bloomer and an excellent variety for cut
flowers.  Bulbs, each, 1½"20c

JENNY LIND (GRAND.). A soft, delicate, shrimp-pink blending into a rich cream throat. The flowers are lily-shaped with ruffled petals. A very dainty gladiolus.  Bulbs, each, 1½"25c 3½"
JEWELL (PRIMGRAND.). A beautiful salmon-pink with a rich golden-yellow throat. The flowers are large, and are produced on strong, straight stems.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
JOHN ALDEN (PRIMGRAND.). Light yellow with scarlet blotch on lower petals. The color combination of this flower is unique and helps to brighten up its surroundings whether it be in the flower garden or in a vase. It blooms very early in the season.  Bulbs, each, 1½"15c 3½"
LOUISE (GRAND.). A good lavender variety. The flowers are exceptionally large, of a true orchid shade, with wine stripes on lower petals. A strong growing variety.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
LOVELINESS (GRAND.). An old but extra fine variety. The color is a very light creamy-buff, tinted pink. The flowers are large and well placed on the stem.  Bulbs, each, 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
MADAM MOUNET-SULLY (GRAND.). Of French origin and one of the most striking sorts. The color is creamy white with two scarlet blotches on the lower petals. The contrast of these two colors is very marked and it produces a beautiful combination. Another favorable characteristic of this variety is its early blooming habit, for it is sure to be one of the first to open.
Bulbs, each, 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "30c
MAIDEN'S BLUSH (PRIM.). Fine flesh-pink, flecked with rose-pink, blending to lighter pink in throat. A favorite with the florists.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MARIE KUNDERD (GRAND.). The attractiveness of this flower is due to the daintiness of its formation. The bloom is medium to large, of pure white, with a scarcely visible line of light pink through the center of the lower petals. Each petal is intensely ruffled and tapers

toward the end, which makes them appear slightly pointed. And their growth is such that when fully developed the outline of the flower resembles a triangle. This formation is novel and as the flowers open with a generous spread of petals, the combination is one of fine grace and beauty. This variety has an enviable award to its credit. In 1919 at Manchester, Mass., it was awarded the FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT by the North Shore Horticultural Society.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MARY PICKFORD (GRAND.). Delicate creamy-white with light sulphur-yellow throat. An extraordinary flower. This variety was awarded a FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT by North Shore Horticultural Society of Manchester, Mass.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MISS MADISON (GRAND.). A delicate shade of light lavender-pink. The flowers are well placed on strong, straight stems. A very fine sort that will become popular when better known.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MONTEZUMA (GRAND.). Rich, dark crimson with very dark flakings on petals. The throat of flower deep maroon mottled with yellow. Very large flowers.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MRS. DOCTOR NORTON (GRAND.). A beautiful shell pink blending into deeper pink at the extreme edges of the petals. The throat is a rich cream color. It is claimed that this flower possesses one of the best combinations of pink and cream. An excellent variety for cut flowers.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
Bulblets, Doz
MRS. LEON DOUGLAS (GRAND.). This variety produces the largest flowers of any gladiolus. The color is a light begonia-rose flaked with deeper rose markings. The throat of the bloom is pale yellow speckled

with ruby. The flowers are well placed on the spike, and open very widely with as many as ten flowers open at one time. One of the best.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
MURIEL (GRAND.). Often called one of the blue shades. The color is a light lavender with blotches of deeper lavender on lower petals. The color contrast is marked, but harmonizes well. Many inquiries were received regarding this sort while on exhibition at the New York State Fair.
Bulbs, each, 1½"
NEOGA (GRAND.). A low-growing plant and an excellent sort for the garden. The flowers are a deep garnetred, of good substance with ruffled petals.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
NIAGARA (GRAND.). This is an old variety that is still very popular and a flower used largely for commercial work. Primrose-yellow, throat tinted carmine. The petals of this flower are often flecked with red.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
OPALESCENT (GRAND.). Pale rose-lavender. A pure self color with narrow lines of lilac radiating from the center of the flower. The flowers are large, of excellent substance, and are well placed upon the spike. It makes a good strong growth. Mr. Gersdorff rated this variety 97% perfect for commercial work. Received AWARD OF MERIT by American Gladiolus Society in 1924.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
ORANGE GLORY (GRAND.). A good shade of orange with a lighter colored throat which is blotched carmine. A creamy-white stripe extends through the center of the lower petals. The flowers have ruffled petals.  Bulbs, each, 1½"10c 3½"6c  Bulblets, Doz10c 10050c
ORANGE QUEEN (PRIMGRAND.). A rich shade of copper-orange. A graceful growing variety and one greatly admired by visitors.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
PARADER (GRAND.). Begonia-rose flaked with bright red. A deep scarlet blotch bordered with yellow in the throat of the bloom. Flowers of good form and

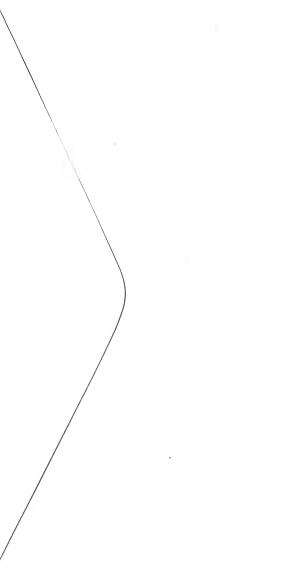
size with many open at one time.         Bulbs, each, $1\frac{1}{4}$ "
POLYANNA (GRAND.). Clear golden-yellow. Many perfectly placed blooms of medium size open at one time. The petals are lightly ruffled.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"20c 3¼"\$.12  Bulblets, Doz20c 1001.40
PURPLE GLORY (GRAND.). Deep maroon-red, flaked with a darker shade. The flowers are of good substance and are overlaid with a velvety sheen. The petals are intensely ruffled. This variety is one of the best "Glads" grown and has won many prizes.  Bulbs, each, ½"
REMEMBRANCE (GRAND.). An excellent variety. The color is a salmon shade of rose-pink with carmine-rose in throat of bloom. The flowers are large, beautifully ruffled with many open at one time. An excellent sort for cut flowers.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
REVUE (PRIMGRAND.). Flowers of large size, well expanded, with slight hood. The center of the flowers are yellow flushed light pink, which deepens to a darker pink at edges of petals. A tall, erect grower.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
RICHARD DIENER (GRAND.). Light geranium-pink, becoming lighter toward the center of the flowers where it blends into a creamy-yellow. The petals are flaked with ruby markings. Large flaring blossoms of good substance. This is an excellent variety for cut flowers and always receives many favorable comments.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
ROSE GLORY (GRAND.). Delicate shade of rose-pink, having deeper pink stripes through the petals. A very large flower of great substance and beautifully ruffled. One of the best pinks.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
ROSE PRECOSE (GRAND.). A beautiful light pink flower with the petals sometimes flecked with light salmon markings. In color very similar to the gladiolus "Pink Perfection." The growth is vigorous, producing

a strong flower spike that is tall and straight, with the flowers well placed upon it.
Bulbs, each, 1½"
SHELL PINK (PRIM.). Beautiful light rose-pink, becoming lighter toward the center where it blends into white. This white throat is slightly mottled with light pink. Flowers are very large.
Flowers are very large.  Bulbs, each, $1\frac{1}{4}$ "
SOUVENIR (PRIM.). Pure golden-yellow, the best yellow Primulinus. Good strong grower, valuable for cutting and also for landscape work.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
SUNNYMEDE (PRIMGRAND.). Rare shade of orange-yellow with red blotch in throat of blooms. The flowers are small but it is a fine, distinct variety.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
SUNSET GLOW (PRIM.). An unusual color combination. The color is a pure, clear scarlet, growing lighter toward the center of the flower where it blends into a pure golden-yellow. A large flower for a Primulinus type; carried upon a tall, straight stem. Mr. Gersdorff has rated this variety 92% perfect for commercial work.  Bulbs, each, 1¼"
THOMAS T. KENT (GRAND.). Rose-pink, blotched in the center of petals with strawberry-red. The blooms are exceptionally large, of good substance and a great many open at one time.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
TWILIGHT (GRAND.). One of the newer varieties that gives promise of becoming popular. The color is a light creamy-buff with the throat daintily marked with pink and yellow The flowers are large, of great substance and the petals are heavily ruffled.  Bulbs, each, 1½"
TYRIAN BEAUTY (GRAND.). A very beautiful flower that always attracts the attention and admiration of visitors who see it growing in the garden. In color an "American Beauty" rose, with the upper petals a shade

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straight, flower spike.	
Bulbs, each, $1\frac{1}{4}$ "	6c
Bulblets, Doz10c 100	50c
WHITE BUTTERFLY (PRIM.). Pure white and one of the finest white Primulinus. A good stem with from 5 to 7 blooms open at one time.	
Bulbs, each, 1½/4"	\$ .20
Bulblets, Doz20c 100	1.40

### Mixture

There are many customers who do not care to purchase any particular variety. A collection of assorted colors is all they desire. To meet this demand I offer an excellent mixture which is very moderately priced. I have received many favorable comments from people who tried bulbs from this collection last year. The mixture contains many different shapes, sizes and colors. Large bulbs only Bulbs, per Doz......50c Per hundred......\$3.50

